**A** **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

TO CONGRATULATE JEANNE LORICK BRUTSCHY AND KAREN LORICK BROACH, ALONG WITH THEIR FIFTEEN EMPLOYEES AND PARTNERS OF LORICK OFFICE PRODUCTS UPON THEIR EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AS AN OUTSTANDING FAMILY BUSINESS SERVING COLUMBIA.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to learn that Lorick Office Products will celebrate its eighty‑fifth anniversary on September14, 2022; and

Whereas, established in 1937, Lorick‑Couch Office Equipment, as it was originally called, first opened its doors on Labor Day with David Clarence Lorick, Sr., as the founder and two other employees, his partner W. Leo Couch and a bicycling delivery boy; and

Whereas, later Lorick Office Supply, began serving the Columbia area from the location of 924 Gervais Street in the area now known as the Congaree Vista district. Then the business moved to 1004 Gervais across from the then R. H. Clark Company at Park and Gervais. In 1995, Lorick Office Products remained in the Vista when the business purchased, remodeled, and began occupying its large fifteen thousand‑square‑foot store‑showroom and warehouse at 910 Washington Street; and

Whereas, Clarence Lorick’s sons, Harry G. “Jerry” Lorick, now ninety years old, and the late Dave Lorick were the second generation of Lorick owner‑operators; and

Whereas, today cousins Jeanne Lorick Brutschy, the daughter of Jerry Lorick, and Karen Lorick Broach, the daughter of Dave Lorick, serve as president and vice president, respectively, of Lorick Office Products, still a family‑owned company and now a certified Woman-Owned Business; and

Whereas, Lorick Office Products continues the family history and unique Columbia tradition that has spanned three generations across eight and a half decades, by serving businesses locally, regionally, and nationwide, and the South Carolina House of Representatives wishes them many more years of dedicated service to its customers. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Jeanne Lorick Brutschy and Karen Lorick Broach, along with the fifteen employees and partners of Lorick Office Products upon their eighty-fifth anniversary as an outstanding family business serving Columbia.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jeanne Lorick Brutschy and Karen Lorick Broach.

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